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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON U.S. ANTI-AIRCRAFT
MISSILE SYSTEMS

SUMMARY: THE PERUVIAN ARMY HAS REQUESTED TECHNICAL MANUALS ON THE REDEYE, HAWK AND CHAPPAREL ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE SYSTEMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT PART OF THIS TECHNICAL DATA IS CLASSIFIED AND PRESUME THAT FOR THIS REASON U.S. POLICY PROHIBITS SALE OF THESE SYSTEMS IN LATIN AMERICA. I WOULD RECOMMEND SO INFORMING GOP.

1. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE PERUVIAN ARMY, THE ARMY LOGISTICS DIRECTOR HAS WRITTEN THE MAAG CHIEF TO REQUEST TECHNICAL MANUALS ON THE REDEYE, HAWK AND CHAPARREL ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE SYSTEMS. THIS REQUEST BEARS ON A POLICY QUESTION WHICH I BELIEVE THE U.S. SHOULD ADDRESS NOW, EVEN BEFORE ANY PERUVIAN REQUEST TO ACQUIRE ONE OR MORE OF THESE SYSTEMS.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT AS A MATTER OF GENERAL POLICY, THE U.S. DISCOURAGES LATIN AMERICAN ACQUISITION OF SOPHISTICATED AND EXPENSIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SEEKS TO AVOID AN ARMS RACE IN LATIN AMERICA. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, I UNDERSTAND THAT INFORMATION ON THE GUIDANCE SYSTEMS, AT LEAST, OF THE REDEYE, HAWK AND CHAPPAREL IS CLASSIFIED AND IS NOT TO BE SHARED WITH LATIN AMERI-
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CAN COUNTRIES. I COULD SUPPORT NO RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT PERU

AN EXEMPTION FROM OUR DISCLOSURE POLICY FOR LATIN AMERICA.

3. IT COULD BE, OF COURSE, THAT THE PERUVIAN ARMY IS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON U.S. SYSTEMS AND EXPECTS A U.S. TURNDOWN FOR USE IN JUSTIFYING ACQUISITION OF SOVIET SAMS OR OTHER FOREIGN-MADE MISSILES. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, I THINK THIS IS A RISK WE SHOULD TAKE. FURTHER, I THINK IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL DATA NOW AND REFUSE TO PROVIDE THE WEAPONS THEMSELVES LATER, THUS RISKING CHARGES OF BAD FAITH.

4. ACTION REQUEST: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED RE POLICY CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON THE REDEYE, HAWK AND CHAPPAREL SYSTEMS TO LA COUNTRIES. BASED ON DEPARTMENT'S REPLY , I PROPOSE TO ASK THE MAAG CHIEF TO REPLY TO THE PERUVIAN ARMY THAT SOME OF THE INFORMATION IT REQUESTED IS CLASSIFIED. FOR THIS REASON, MAAG WOULD STATE THAT U.S. POLICY PROHIBITS SALE OF REDEYE, HAWK AND CHAPPAREL IN LA.
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